

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN DANIEL FUCHS**, on April 1, 2003 at 8:02 A.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Daniel Fuchs, Chairman (R)
Rep. Ronald Devlin, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Ron Erickson, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Joan Andersen (R)
Rep. Joe Balyeat (R)
Rep. Gary Branae (D)
Rep. Eileen J. Carney (D)
Rep. Jill Cohenour (D)
Rep. Larry Cyr (D)
Rep. Gary Forrester (D)
Rep. Kim Gillan (D)
Rep. Verdell Jackson (R)
Rep. Bob Lake (R)
Rep. Carol Lambert (R)
Rep. Jesse Laslovich (D)
Rep. Jim Peterson (R)
Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross (R)
Rep. Karl Waitschies (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Kathleen Ely, Committee Secretary
Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch

Video-taped Committee: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. A video-taped recording of the meeting is available from the Montana Historical Society. THE TIME STAMP REPRESENTS ELAPSED TIME.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 766, 3/28/2003; HB 771,
3/31/2003; HB 772, 3/31/2003; HB
770, 3/28/2003; HB 768, 3/28/2003
Executive Action: HB 763, FAILED TIE VOTE

HEARING ON HB 766

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:00 REP. JUNEAU, HD 85 - Short Title: Revise video gambling
machine taxes to fund certain programs.

EXHIBIT (tah69a01)

EXHIBIT (tah69a02)

EXHIBIT (tah69a03)

Proponents' Testimony:

08:00 Gene Fenderson, Montana Progressive Labor Caucus

EXHIBIT (tah69a04)

19:00 Pat Melby, Montana Medical Association

20:00 Steve Yeakel, Montana Child Care Votes

22:00 Sami Butler, Montana Nurses Association

23:00 Eric Burke, MEA-MFT

23:00 Mary Caferro, WEEL

25:00 Wally Melcher, Montana Independent Living

Opponents' Testimony:

26:00 Ronda Carpenter, Montana Coin Machine Operators

32:00 Rich Miller, Gaming Industry Association

EXHIBIT (tah69a05)

36:00 Chris Gallus, Staples Law Firm, Montana Tavern Owners
Association

Informational Testimony:

37:00 Gene Huntington, Department of Justice, Gaming Control
Division

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

37:00

Closing by Sponsor:

57:00

HEARING ON HB 771, HB 772

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

1:02:00 REP. BALLYEAT, HD 32 - Short Titles: HB 771: Eliminate Montana individual income tax; submit proposed act to voters. HB 772: Design sales tax to replace income tax revenue.

Proponents' Testimony:

1:12:00 Webb Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce, National Federation of Independent Business, Montana Taxpayers Association
1:14:00 Betty L. Babcock

Opponents' Testimony:

1:15:00 Robyn Hampton, Biz Savvy
1:16:00 Erik Burke, MEA-MFT

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

1:19:00

Closing by Sponsor:

1:33:00

HEARING ON HB 768

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

1:40:00 REP. RASER, HD 70 - Short Title: Prescription drug tax credit.

EXHIBIT(tah69a06)

EXHIBIT(tah69a07)

EXHIBIT(tah69a08)

Proponents' Testimony:

1:51:00 Mary Williams, AARP
EXHIBIT(tah69a09)
1:53:00 Charlotte Thomas, AARP, Montana Retired Teachers
EXHIBIT(tah69a10)
EXHIBIT(tah69a11)
1:56:00 Claudia Clifford, State Auditor's Office
1:58:00 Betty L. Babcock
EXHIBIT(tah69a12)
2:00:00 Verdell Lonquist
2:01:00 Jim Smith, Montana Pharmacy Association
2:05:00 Sami Butler, Montana Nurses Association
2:06:00 Pat Melby, Montana Medical Association

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

2:07:00

Closing by Sponsor:

2:23:00

10:30 a.m. Break

10:40 a.m. Resume

HEARING ON HB 770

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

2:38:00 REP. FRITZ, HD 69 - Short Title: Tax credit for
qualified investments in innovative small business.

EXHIBIT (tah69a13)

Proponents' Testimony:

2:42:00 Tony Rudbeck, University of Montana

2:41:00 Robyn Hampton, Biz Savvy

EXHIBIT (tah69a14)

2:54:00 Webb Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

2:57:00

3:05:00 Dallas Reese, Department of Revenue

Closing by Sponsor:

3:11:00

EXHIBIT (tah69a15)

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 763

Motion: REP. GILLAN moved that HB 763 DO PASS.

Motion/Vote: REP. GILLAN moved that HB 763 BE AMENDED. Motion
failed 8-10 with REPS. BRANAE, CARNEY, COHENOUR, CYR, ERICKSON,
FORRESTER, GILLAN, and LASLOVICH voting aye by roll call vote.

EXHIBIT (tah69a16)

Vote: Motion failed 9-9 with REPS. BRANAE, CARNEY, COHENOUR, CYR, ERICKSON, FORRESTER, FUCHS, GILLAN, and LASLOVICH voting aye by roll call vote. [No further action taken.]

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11 A.M.

REP. DANIEL FUCHS, Chairman

KATHLEEN ELY, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (tah69aad)